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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Sunday, December 30, 2012, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2012

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Mark R. Warner, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O mighty God before whom the generations rise and pass away, watch over America and use our Senators to keep it strong and good. Imprint upon their hearts such reverence for You that they will be ashamed and afraid to offend You. Remind them that their thoughts, words, and deeds are under divine scrutiny. Bless the many others who work faithfully on Capitol Hill and whose labors bring dignity and efficiency to the legislative process.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK R. WARNER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President protempore (Mr. Leahy).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 28, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 5949, the FISA reauthorization bill. At approximately 9:45 a.m. this morning, there will be several, up to 25, rollcall votes in order to complete action on the FISA bill and on the supplemental appropriations bill. The Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to allow for caucus meetings.

Additional votes in relation to executive nominations are possible today.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

FISA AMENDMENTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2012

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 5949, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5949) to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon.

AMENDMENT NO. 3439

Mr. WYDEN. I ask unanimous consent to call up my amendment which is at the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Oregon [Mr. Wyden], for himself, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Lee, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Begich, Mr. Franken, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Tester, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Coons, and Mr. Baucus proposes an amendment numbered 3439.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To require a report on the impact of the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 on the privacy of the people of the United States) At the end, add the following:

SEC. 5. REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF THE FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008 ON THE PRIVACY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

